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SUBJECT: THE CROWN OF ST. STEPHEN

- 1. THIS MORNING, AUGUST 26, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NAGY GAVE ME THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT ANSWER TO OUR QUESTION:
- 2. IF THE UNITED STATES DECIDES TO RETURN THE CROWN THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT WILL RECEIVE IT WITH THE DIGNITY AND HONOR APPROPRIATE TO THIS UNIQUE NATIONAL AND CULTURAL TREASURE VALUED BY ALL SEGMENTS OF ITS SOCIETY. THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD, OF COURSE, BE HAPPY TO WORK OUT THE ACTUAL DETAILS OF THE TRANSFER AFTER OUR DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN AND WE HAD INDICATED TO THEM HOW WE INTENDED TO RETURN IT, INCLUDING THE MAKE-UP OF THE ACCOMPANYING PARTY.
- 3. THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD PLACE THE CROWN IN AN APPROPRIATE EDIFICE IN BUDAPEST AND, AS HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT, THERE WILL BE NO RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGNERS OR HUNGARIANS WHOWISH TO SEE IT. KAISER

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